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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
HIROYUKI NISHIZAWA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: JOHNSON, V.  
SERIAL NO: 10/085,112 :  
FILED: MARCH 1, 2002 : GROUP ART UNIT: 3682  
FOR: PULLEY THRUST CONTROL :  
DEVICE FOR CONTINUOUSLY  
VARIABLE TRANSMISSION UNIT

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RESPONSE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action of September 10, 2003, favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application, in view of the present response, is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Initially, applicants and applicants' representative wish to thank Examiner Johnson for the interview granted applicants' representative on December 16, 2003. During that interview applicants' representative presented comments to Examiner Johnson as to how independent claim 1 as currently written, and the claims dependent therefrom, distinguished over the applied art. Specifically, applicants' representative pointed out that the feature of the "thrust ratio" positively recited in claim 1 distinguished over the applied art. Examiner